

Appl. No. 10/798,731
Amdt. dated March 23, 2005
Reply to Office Action of February 24, 2005

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The office communication mailed February 24, 2005 in the instant application included a restriction requirement between the following three groups of claims:

Group I: claims 1-14;
Group II: claims 15-20; and
Group III: claims 21-24.

In response to this restriction requirement, Group I, claims 1-14, are hereby elected without traverse. Group II, claims 15-20, and Group III, claims 21-24, are hereby canceled without prejudice to filing of divisional application(s) directed thereto.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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